

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SPECIAL COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Delhi High Court has directed the Government to set up special courts to try petty cases dealing with the crimes like assault, trespass, adultery etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of special courts set up/likely to be set up for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) & (b): Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court of India, in the case of Kadra Pahadiya & Others Vs. State of Bihar {WP (Crl.) No.5943 of 1980}, the Delhi High Court, on a request made by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi, decided to set up courts of Special Metropolitan Magistrates to deal with petty/traffic cases, as envisaged under section 18 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

(c): At present 17 Courts of Special Metropolitan Magistrates are functioning in Delhi.